

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An anti-irritant composition comprising two or more water-soluble, organic salts of zinc, wherein said water-soluble, organic salts of zinc are present in said anti-irritant composition at concentrations between 0.1% and 2% (weight/weight), an antimicrobial compound at a concentration of between 0.05% - 4% (weight/weight), farsenol, and further comprising water, ethanol, and one or more agent selected from the group consisting of a gelling agent, a thickening agent, a hydrophilic or hydrophobic polymer, an emulsifying agent, and an emollient.
2. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble, organic salts of zinc salts are selected from the group consisting of zinc acetate, zinc butyrate, zinc citrate, zinc gluconate, zinc glycerate, zinc glycolate, zinc formate, zinc lactate, zinc picolinate, zinc propionate, zinc salicylate, zinc tartrate and zinc undecylenate.
3. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, wherein the concentration of water is between 10% and 80% (weight/weight).
4. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the emollient is between 0.3% and 10.0% (weight/weight).
5. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, wherein the emollient is ~~selected from the group consisting of one or more than one of PEG 20 almond glycerides, Probutyl DB-10, Glucam P-20, Glucam E-10, Glucam P-10, Glucam E-20, Glucam P-20 distearate, glycerin, propylene glycol, cetyl acetate, acetylated lanolin alcohol, cetyl ether, myristyl ether, hydroxylated milk glycerides, polyquaternium compounds, copolymers of dimethyl dialyl ammonium chloride and acrylic acid, dipropylene glycol methyl ethers, polypropylene glycol ethers, silicon polymers, petrolatum, mineral oil, lanolin, olive oil, cocoa butter, shea butter, cetyl lactate, lauryl lactate, isopropyl lanolate, 2-ethylhexyl salicylate, cetyl myristate, oleyl myristate, oleyl stearate, oleyl oleate, hexyl laurate, isohexyl laurate.~~

6. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the gelling or thickening agent is between 0.05% and 10.0% (weight/weight).
7. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 6, wherein the gelling and/or thickening agent is ~~selected from the group consisting of one or more than one of~~ cationic hydroxy ethyl cellulose, ~~crothix, erodomol, zinc stearate, and behenyl alcohol.~~
8. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1 which further comprises between 0.1% and 1.0% (weight/weight) silicone polymer.
9. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 8, wherein the silicone polymer is ~~selected from a group consisting of one or more than one of polydimethylsiloxane polymer, dimethiconol fluid in dimethicone, cyclomethicone and dimethicone copolyl, and silicone glycol.~~
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1 ~~10~~, wherein the antimicrobial compound is ~~selected from the group consisting of one or more than one of~~ chlorhexidine gluconate, benzalkonium chloride, ~~iodopropynylbutyl carbamate, phenoxyethanol, polymyxin B, neomycin, triclosan, parachlorometaxylene, ineroquat and octoxyglycerin.~~
12. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1 which further comprises a stabilizing agent at a concentration of between 0.1% and 1.0% (weight/weight).
13. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 12, wherein the stabilizing agent is ~~selected from the group consisting of one or more than one of~~ antioxidants and a surfactants.
14. (Cancelled).
15. (Original) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 13, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of incromide or a silicone-based surfactant.
16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently amended) The anti-irritant composition of Claim 1, which further comprises a synergistic amount of chlorhexidine gluconate, benzalkonium chloride and incroquat in amounts effective to have a synergistic effect against bacterial growth.

18.-30. (Cancelled).